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RESOLUTION 2014-51

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE SHORTFALLS IN FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND COMPLETE A LONG TERM TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL PRIOR TO IT'S EXPIRATION ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

WHEREAS, transportation is a critical factor in our economy and access to transportation routes is a significant catalyst to economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Ports-to-Plains Alliance has provided Ports-to-Plains' Congressional delegation with its Federal Priorities of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance for MAP-21 Implementation and Reauthorization and these Federal Priorities; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing significant production of fossil fuel developments in North Dakota the growth of this industry directly impacts the Black Hills region; and

WHEREAS, access to the oil fields in North Dakota is a top priority to continued economic expansion of the Black Hills region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis directly adjoins the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and is ideally located to grow economically with the expansion of the fossil fuel developments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sturgis City Council does hereby join other government and private entities in respectfully encouraging Congress to fully fund the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway to encourage economic growth in the Black Hills region and the continued development of fossil fuels in North Dakota which enhance the National Security of our great Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sturgis City Council that:

Section 1. We urge the Members of Congress representing South Dakota to work to ensure that congress:

1. Passes a short-term fix immediately so that the Trust Fund does not run out of money in August, 2014; and
2. Passes a long-term fix by September 31, 2014, or as soon thereafter as possible, that accomplishes the following:
 - a. Reauthorizes Federal transportation programs (MAP-21) for five or six years in accordance to Ports-to-Plains Alliance priorities; and
 - b. Provides the user-fee-based, sustainable revenues for the Highway Trust Fund necessary to support the higher levels of investment needed to modernize America's national transportation network, including rural freight corridors important to energy development and agricultural production like the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway.

Section 2. This resolution is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Fay Bueno, Finance Officer